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Mission status

(As of Aug. 9)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)

	+ 1.6
	+ 2.1
	+1.7

Fiscal Year 2000 statistics

--Sorties flown: 58,247
--Hours flown: 86,107.8
--Pilot wings earned in FY 00: 272
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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Senior Airman Monique Carpenter relays emergency data to base operations during an in-flight emergency. In-flight emergencies require the notification of the hospital flight surgeon and base fire department as well.

Planes avoid potential disaster

Tower controllers divert 15 aircraft during emergency

By 2nd Lt. Anthony Chu

47th Operations Support Squadron

Five Laughlin tower controllers were recognized recently at the July 47th Operations Support Squadron commander's call for coordinating the landings of a series of aircraft after one of three runways was unexpectedly closed.

Master Sgt. Mark Wurzer, tower chief controller, Tech Sgt. Kim Tate, standardiza-

tion and evaluation chief, Tech Sgt. Jeffery Zettle and Tech Sgt. Thomas Hensley, tower watch supervisors and Senior Airman Monique Carpenter, air traffic controller, all participated in helping land more than 15 airplanes during the emergency situation. At one point the tower controlled operations of all three runways, worked in one actual emergency and prevented several other potential emergencies from developing.

The emergency situation started at approximately 1:45 p.m. June 30, when a T-37 blew a tire while on a landing roll and shut down operations to the heavily used inside runway, normally monitored by instructor pilots from a runway supervisory unit. The

T-37s working in the pattern or lining up to land on that runway had to be diverted to land on the center runway.

Some of the jets carried initial solo student pilots and several were running low on fuel. At the same time, controllers were busy working numerous scheduled takeoffs and recoveries. To make matters worse, while controllers were coordinating to land the T-37s, a T-38 hit a bird on its final approach, lost an engine and the pilot declared an emergency. The tower then had to help land that aircraft and coordinate an emergency response. This all happened in a hectic 20 minute period.

During that time, controllers worked to prioritize the events and brought in T-37s, T-38s and T-1-As. All of the aircraft landed safely. T-37 operations resumed on the inside runway at 2:05 p.m. "I'm glad that everyone landed safely and that I contributed to it," said Carpenter, who was in training at the time.

Laughlin controllers see about 15 emergencies a week and numerous unusual circumstances every day. During these incidents, controllers have to remain calm and rely on their fundamental knowledge of air traffic control. "You can't afford to be held up in the moment (while handling emergencies)," said Carpenter. "You're too busy."

Lt. Col. Leonard "Ski" Jankowski, 47 OSS commander presented squadron coins to the five controllers to honor their outstanding efforts in handling the emergency situation. "It was a flawless performance by Laughlin's topnotch tower and an outstanding example of teamwork and mutual support," said Jankowski. "It's further proof that they are the best in AETC."

Laughlin member wins prestigious academic award

By Airman 1st Class

Brad Pettit

Editor

Laughlin's deputy director of maintenance was recently named Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's South Central Region. Dr. Bruce Rothwell, regional faculty advisor for Embry-Riddle, presented the award to Mark Hewitt for his

exemplary service to the University and the Laughlin Center as its center academic advisor.

Hewitt, an assistant professor who currently teaches several courses in the Master of Aeronautical Science Program for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Laughlin, said he was shocked to win the award. "I was floored to be singled out in a region that includes more than 900 adjunct fac-

ulty members and boasts several NASA instructors with doctorate degrees," said Hewitt. "This is truly an honor."

"Mr. Hewitt contributes to ERAU many valuable qualities," said Margaret Monroe, director of the ERAU Laughlin Center. "He brings a wealth of experience in various aviation-related fields to the classroom and never ceases to challenge his students to

achieve higher goals both academically and professionally. Most of our graduate students at Laughlin are pilots who are professional instructors themselves and they respond to his leadership," explained Monroe. "Several of our students have also won awards for aviation excellence."

Capt. Tony Holmes, 47th Transportation chief, who is currently in training, is cur-

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Air Force retention – What we can do to make a difference today

By Maj. Edward R. Kramer

49th Transportation Squadron commander

Air Force retention issues are a familiar topic in the media. Rates are monitored as high-interest items throughout the Air Force. Too often, however, we look toward our Air Force staff agencies and congressional leaders to improve our retention rates.

Although our pay, benefits, entitlements and policies are developed and approved by higher headquarters and Congress, many retention issues can be actively addressed at the wing, group and squadron level. What are you doing to contribute? What can you do at your base to make a difference?

Retention Step #1: Assess how we're doing

Our Air Force has historically aimed for first term reenlistment rates of 55 percent, second term reenlistment rates around 75 percent and career reenlistments around 90 percent. Sadly, we're usually lacking the same data, and in some cases, the same interest, at base, group and squadron level. What are the re-enlistment rates for your Air Force specialty code, work center, flight, squadron, or group?

In 2001, hundreds of people at your base are scheduled to make important career decisions regarding reenlistment. Every one of those people will choose to extend, separate, or reenlist. Those decisions for 2001 are being formed today. Many people say they make their career decisions 12 to 18 months before their separation date. People around you are forming critical career decisions today, this summer, this year. Do you know who they are in your work center, flight or squadron?

Retention Step #2: Provide career advice and information

Once we've identified our people who are approaching career decisions, what should be our most important retention goal? Is it to achieve a certain percentage of reenlistments? Of course not! Our top retention goal should be to simply provide all of our people, especially the ones scheduled to separate next year, with the information they need to make informed career decisions.

Timely, accurate career information is critical. The goal should focus on ensuring our people make their career decisions with the active assistance of their supervisors and career advisors. It sounds simple. Yet we con-

tinue to fall short in this area.

Who are career advisors? We all are. All supervisors, from the most recent Airman Leadership School graduate to our chief master sergeants, from lieutenants to generals, are career advisors. Yes, we can and should designate focal points at flight, squadron, group and wing level to help with career information. But one of the reasons we have fallen short is our failure to recognize our responsibilities – we are all career advisors.

Here's a typical, possibly familiar, scenario. A co-worker is a year out from his date of separation. He makes his career decision with family and friends at home, on leave, on the telephone or around the dining room table. As the decision is solidifying we informally hear the news, "I heard he's getting out." The supervisor assumes his mind is made up and doesn't discuss career options with his subordinate. Or if he does, it's too late, and the subordinate asks himself, "Where was his interest while my decision was being made?"

"Although our pay, benefits, entitlements and policies are developed and approved by higher headquarters and Congress, many retention issues can be actively addressed at the wing, group and squadron level."

Are we providing as much accurate, timely information as we can? Were individuals separating this month ever provided complete, accurate information on the myriad of issues facing them, including reenlistment bonuses, career job reservations, promotions, extensions, pay and benefits, retraining or career progression, and quality-of-life considerations? There are no magical career advisors who have all the answers or information. When faced with difficult questions, the best career advisors and supervisors will simply say, "I don't know, but I'll find out."

Everyone must make his or her own decisions. These decisions should be fully respected and supported, whatever they may be. But we've failed if we don't initiate career discussions and provide information. Retention rates, whether they are nine or 90 percent, become secondary issues if we haven't expressed this fundamental interest.

Let's not wait to be told what career decisions have been made after the fact. Let's not allow our people to make their decisions based only on dining room table discussions. Let's get involved early and show our interest! Retention is our future. Let's recognize we can and should be part of the solution. We can make a difference today.

(Courtesy ACC News Service)

Hats on, hats off

By Tech. Sgt. Ginger Schreitmueller

Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs

It's not often you'll get someone to admit they wasted government time while at work. I'm stepping up to that proverbial plate and saying, yep, I wasted nearly an hour of the taxpayers' money the other day.

It had been one of those weeks where you wonder if you're the last one to know some big, breaking news. Everywhere I turned someone was stepping out of a car, walking into a building, lollygaging around outside without his or her hat on.

Surely, I thought to myself, if the Air Force had rescinded the wear-the-hat-outside rule I'd have seen a blurb or two somewhere – Air Force Press Service, an email from the first sergeant, a post-it note attached to some policy letter. But, I was beginning to think I was the last one to be read in on this important uniform change.

The airman in desert cammies (uniform) sauntering into the off-base frozen drink place apparently got the word. The master sergeant waltzing around the housing area reading his mail saw the memo. The staff sergeant making a dash from the parking lot to the burger joint saw the news release. The starving airman hopping into the dining hall surely read the note from his commander about it.

Each one provided that "Are you stupid?" look when I asked about a hat, a beret, a cover or cap. Maybe, I was the last to know.

That's when I decided before I stopped one more person about their missing top cover, I'd better spend a little quality time on the Internet. Checked Air Force Link, DOD Link, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force's home page, I even pulled down a copy of Air Force Instruction 36-2903 (35-10 to those still clinging to the good 'ole days). Not one mention, not one iota about a phase out for hats or a total abolishment of those pesky hair-messing gadgets. After nearly an hour of search engines and find-it buttons, I gave up.

I wasn't out of the loop, outside the G-turn, off my lane, on a different sheet of music. Furthermore, there are no references to exceptions that allow excuses such as "I forgot it," "You don't need it in housing," "We don't wear them with this uniform," or (my personal favorite) "Yeah, whatever."

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– 47 FTW motto

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Apprehended: *Air Force Office of Special Investigations ends fugitive's 18 year flight from justice*

By Capt. Mike Richmond
Headquarters Air Force Office of Special Investigations

An 18-year flight from justice came to an end July 28 for an airman who disappeared in the middle of his court-martial in 1982. Froilan Marasigan Abilar, a former senior airman assigned to Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines, was arrested in the Philippine province of Mindoro after a lengthy investigation led

by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Abilar was a materiel facilities specialist assigned to the 3rd Supply Squadron at Clark AB when he disappeared Jan. 19, 1982, during a recess in his general court-martial at which he was charged with theft of government property.

While the court had not yet reached its findings of guilt or innocence at the time of Abilar's disappearance, the court pro-

ceeded in his absence and eventually found him guilty. A subsequent sentencing hearing sentenced him to confinement for four years, reduction to the grade of airman basic, a dishonorable discharge, a fine of \$5,000 and forfeiture of \$500 per month for 48 months.

The effort to find Abilar and other fugitives was given priority by the AFOSI in 1997 when the agency implemented a Fugitive Retrieval Program specifically

dedicated to the task of locating and pursuing fugitives.

"Prior to that, the AFOSI's role in locating fugitives was essentially limited to entering their names into the National Crime Information Center database and relying on civil and federal law enforcement authorities to locate and apprehend them," said Mike Speedling, chief of the AFOSI's criminal investigations division. "But it became apparent that with-

out active participation by the AFOSI, the job was just not getting done."

Since standing up the Fugitive Retrieval Program, the AFOSI has located and overseen the apprehension of more than 50 fugitives.

With the program in full swing, AFOSI Det. 602 in Guam opened a case to find Abilar in November of 1998. Special Agent Brent Culver led the investigation, teamed with Special Agent Steve Richardson from AFOSI's Region

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Virtual Military Personnel Flight goes on-line

Nearly 650,000 Air Force military members now have access to efficient, accurate and convenient personnel services around the clock from anywhere they choose.

The first installment of the virtual Military Personnel Flight, part of the new five-goal Air Force personnel vision implementation plan, went online for active duty members July 28. Guard and Reserve applications are expected to be available soon. The vMPF is a key aspect of the plan's fifth goal of developing field technology enhancements by the end of fiscal 2002.

"Moving to a web-based service platform will be a giant leap forward for Air Force technology," said Maj. Gen. Richard "Tex" Brown, Air Force Personnel Center commander. "The vMPF concept is centered on the principle of conducting the majority of basic personnel transactions via the web on a self-service basis."

"The driving push for the virtual Military Personnel Flight is declaring that even in the most hidden, remote corners of the globe, people will be able to do real-time personnel transactions and keep themselves informed" said Col. Terry Nelsen, chief, Field Activities Division.

"The big advantage of the vMPF is its convenience for the customer anyplace, anytime to support our well-trained, mobile force," added Nelsen. "Its function is a force multiplier for our personnelists in the field — offering them more one-on-one time with the customer."

Web applications for vMPF range from checking duty history entries to changing home addresses to voluntarily applying for separation. The first round of eight applications available July 28 is information retrieval products and includes:

Dependents Remaining Overseas

This application allows members to request command sponsored dependents remain in the overseas area if the member is being assigned to the CONUS or a different overseas location.

Designated Location Move

This application allows the member to move his/her foreign born spouse to a designated location if being reassigned to a dependent restricted overseas location.

Duty History Inquiry

This inquiry allows a member to view current and subsequent duty information, to include effective dates, AFSCs, duty titles, etc.

Early Return of Dependents

This application allows command sponsored dependents to return from the overseas area at government expense.

Exceptional Family Member Program

This application allows a member to apply for special medical or educational care for dependents at the current or projected duty location.

Humanitarian Reassignment Program

This application allows members to apply for reassignment consideration to assist in resolving severe short-term problems that involve a family member.

Overseas Returnee Counseling

This application provides vital information needed in making DEROS election options for enlisted

Reenlistment Eligibility Inquiry

This inquiry allows members to view their eligibility to reenlist in the Air Force and whether or not they are eligible for waiver consideration.

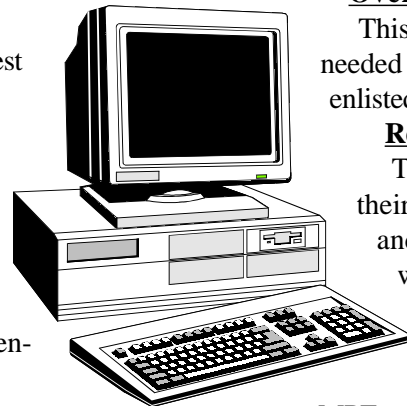
"We are starting with the basics, considering there are more than 200 personnel processes targeted for vMPF service," said Nelsen. "Additional applications will be delivered in larger quantities at quarterly intervals."

Members can create an account for vMPF by going to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/km/vMPF/vMPFHelpHome.htm.

As the capability to forward application products via the web is not yet built, please bring the application product to the MPF for updating.

For more information, contact the customer service section at 5277.

(Courtesy 47th Mission Support Squadron)



Actionline *Call 298-5351*

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



Winfield W. Scott III

Col. Winfield W. Scott III
47th Flying Training Wing commander

Marina money...

Call: It is my understanding that the wing commander gave Southwinds Marina \$10,000 to repair its boats. It is my understanding that Services spent that money on a playground for children. I would like to know why this was allowed to happen since there are several playgrounds and the marina is desperate for money to repair its boats. Thank you.

Response: We directed Services to repair the boats, which was estimated at \$14,000, and requested coordination on distribution of the funds by the Comptroller. Comptroller coordination determined Appropriated Funds were not authorized per Air Force Instruction 34-110, Air Force Outdoor Recreation Programs and AFI 65-106, Appropriated Fund Support To Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities. The boats to be repaired are

used to generate Non-Appropriated Fund revenues.

The 47th Support Group commander and services director requested the \$14,000 be redirected to fund the Youth Center fall area. The actual cost of the fall area was \$35,000, so Services asked for authority to use the \$14,000 to fund \$2,500 for gravel for the Temporary Living Facility playground fall area and the balance to purchase a rough mower for the golf course. Both expenditures were approved.

Boat repairs are currently being accomplished using NAF. The NAF Council has approved the expense. Twenty-two boats require repair. Six boats were repaired before funds were requested. Two are complete, and two are currently being repaired. The remaining repair work should be completed by September. Since use of NAF was approved, \$3,700 has been spent on repairs.

Gate delays

The construction on Highway 90 has caused somewhat of an upheaval in routine traffic at the Laughlin main gate. Caution must be used, especially by those coming from the Brackettville area. If you are coming from this area, you must use lane 2 as illustrated in the diagram below. Lanes 3 and 4 are designed for and used by traffic exiting the installation.

Those driving east from Del Rio will continue to use the first access lane (lane 1) for entering the base. Also, keep in mind that traffic and trains will also add to delays in entering the installation. With Highway 90 being converted to a two-lane road, drivers must remain alert and look in both directions before turning left out of lane number 3 driving toward Del Rio.

People driving or living in the Del Rio area can also help alleviate traffic congestion at the main gate by using the west gate. The west gate will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. until further notice. The main gate will be open 24 hours a day, until further notice.

The Operational Readiness Inspection will increase delays at the gates during increased THREATCONs. As the THREATCONs increase, procedures change. As inspector's procedures change, you can expect to wait or be delayed at either entry point to the installation.

Arriving at the base a little earlier than you would normally arrive will help people avoid traffic delays while entering the installation.

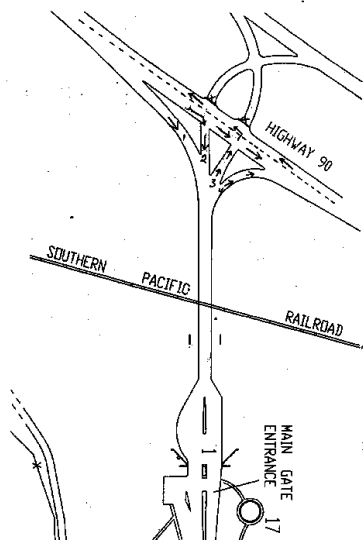


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lono Kollars

Putting out the fire

A C-130 Hercules aircraft from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., drops fire retardant on the Manter fire in California's Sequoia National Forest. The modified C-130 delivers 2,700 pounds of fire retardant in three seconds. The 302nd is deployed to a Modular Airlift Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) forward operating location at Channel Islands Air National Guard Station. The 302nd is one of four military organizations that responds to requests for fire suppression support from the Department of Agriculture and U.S. Forest Service. The Manter Fire has over 1,700 personnel dedicated to fire suppression and has burned more than 60,000 acres in Sequoia.

Lakenheath F-15C crashes in Nevada

An Air Force F-15C crashed Aug. 3 at about 10:45 a.m. Pacific Standard Time east of the Nellis Air Force Base training range in Nevada.

The fighter, from the 48th Fighter Wing at RAF Lakenheath, England, launched from nearby Nellis AFB and was headed to the range while participating in the Air Force's Green Flag exercise.

The aircraft's pilot, Capt. Christopher Kirby from Lakenheath's

493rd Fighter Squadron, ejected safely. Kirby was airlifted by an Army National Guard UH-60 helicopter crew from Company B, 1/108 Aviation, Tulsa, Okla., and flown back to the base for medical examination.

The pilot has been assigned to RAF Lakenheath since April 1999.

Lakenheath recently deployed 12 F-15C Eagles and 12 F-15E Strike Eagles, along with support personnel,

to the Green Flag exercise.

Green Flag is one of the Air Force's premier realistic combat training exercises, involving U.S. and allied aircraft in simultaneous large-scale air strike training. The exercises focus on combat readiness and involve capabilities, tactics and survivability.

An interim safety board will investigate the accident.

(Courtesy of USAFE News Service)

Jury convicts airman of rape

By 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Carney

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An airman assigned to the 56th Logistics Support Squadron at Luke AFB, Ariz. received a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of pay and allowances and reduction to E-1 after being found guilty of raping an 18-year-old college student Dec. 14.

Airman 1st Class Charles Franklin was found guilty July 26 at a general court-martial after nine days of trial with almost 20 witnesses and four experts.

"This was a long, grueling trial charged with a lot of emotion," said Capt. Faisal Siddiqui, 56th Fighter Wing assistant staff judge advocate attorney and trial counsel. "The victim was on the stand for 11 hours over a two-day period."

"Hopefully, service members will remember they represent the Air Force wherever they are. The Air Force will not tolerate this kind of conduct – this is the message jury members are sending," said Maj. David Kendrick, 56th FW deputy staff judge advocate.

Franklin joined the Air Force May 19, 1999. He was sent to Luke on a temporary-duty to attend the Mission Ready Airman program for crew chief training. When charged with the crime, he was kept at Luke for court proceedings.

"I believe the results in this case are important not only for the victim and her family but for our base as a whole," Siddiqui said. "Franklin was here for a mere 20 work days when he raped the victim. Air Force members are held accountable for their actions even when they are away from their permanent duty stations."

While visiting the Mill Avenue area in Tempe with four other male members of Luke, Franklin met three female Arizona State University students, including the victim. During the women's second visit to Luke, the victim testified Franklin raped her in a dormitory alcove. Franklin testified that sexual intercourse was consensual.

The victim was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital emergency room at McDowell and 12th Street. After receiving medical care, the hospital physician informed Luke security forces of a possible rape due to the nature of her injuries. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations was then notified and they began an investigation.

"We don't wait for a victim to make a complaint," Siddiqui said. "At this point, the victim is basically a witness. The victim has no control over whether a perpetrator is prosecuted or not."

Because Franklin is a convicted rapist, as a felon he is required to register in each state he lives as a sexual offender.

(Courtesy AETCNS)

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rently enrolled in Hewitt's Air Transportation course said, "He is a superb teacher, willing to give 110 percent to make sure the student understands the topic. Teaching is a passion of his. He once told me that if he were to

ever leave Del Rio, what he would miss the most is teaching."

Hewitt said he enjoys instructing such highly professional students. "You really have to be on your toes when you deal with students who are so professional and expect great things of you," said

Hewitt. "Whenever my students receive their Master of Aeronautical Science Degree, I am proud and there is a sense of accomplishment to know that I had a part to play in that. It is definitely a challenge to deliver, but I love having the opportunity to do so."

'Hats' from page 2

Feeling victorious in confirming that more often than not, I am in on big news information, I was pretty cranky. Then, driving to work the next morning I saw someone else who reassured me that the hat rules are followed.

A lieutenant had pulled her car into the median and appeared to be having tire trouble. Right behind her, an airman noticed the distress and pulled in to offer assis-

tance. (The non-hat wearers in the bunch may want to sit down for this next part.) The airman gets out of his car, with his hat already on, walks over to the lieutenant and, no kidding, salutes! Off base, in the midst of morning rush hour traffic, in uniform he has his hat on and renders the proper military courtesies!

Hundreds of people are zipping by this well traveled road, most late for work. And, this air-

man not only stops to help but also doesn't forget his military standards in the process. Future chief master sergeant of the Air Force, say I.

As I silently applauded the airman's military bearing (I was driving and couldn't actually take my hands off the wheel), I wondered if he'd wasted any taxpayer's money searching for uniform changes, too.

(Courtesy of AFSOC News Service)

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6 headquarters at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Following a lead discovered in a record and database search, Culver and Richardson determined Abilar's whereabouts. They then built an operational plan and coordinated it with numerous Philippine agencies, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, 13th Air

Force, the 36th Security Forces Squadron and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at the 36th Air Base Wing.

Following Abilar's arrest, which was conducted by the Philippine officials, deportation paperwork was completed in Manila. With the assistance of the U.S. Marshals, the agents then accompanied Abilar on a commercial

flight to Andersen AFB, Guam, where he began serving the confinement adjudged in his 1982 court-martial.

The base legal office at Andersen AFB is preparing a case against Abilar for his 18-year desertion. If found guilty, he could be sentenced to confinement for an additional three years.

(Courtesy AFPN)



Please recycle...



(Courtesy photo)

Academy grad

Jennifer A. Trevino, daughter of Joe and Bebe Trevino, employee of the Laughlin base exchange, recently graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Co. Trevino was commissioned as a second lieutenant after receiving a bachelor of science degree in math science. Trevino has been selected for pilot training and will return to Laughlin for student undergraduate pilot training.

Where are they now?

Name: Capt. Dan Zubryd.
Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 92-13, August, 1992.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: C-17, Charleston AFB.

Mission of your aircraft? Airlift.

What do you like most about your current aircraft? Modern technology.

What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? Not enough of them.

What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly? Water-skiing.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Leaving, eating wings and drinking beer at the club and in Mexico.

What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Waterski, drink beer at the club, drink beer and margaritas in Mexico and study flying.



(Air Force photo of a C-17)

Motorcycles:

Protective safety gear required, encouraged while riding on base

By Sharon K. Reeves

47th Flying Training Wing

On numerous occasions, wing safety personnel have observed motorcyclists riding on base without the proper personal protective gear.

Recently, on one day alone, nine out of 11 riders were not in compliance with Air Force directives concerning motorcycle safety. They were not wearing the proper safety equipment, which includes a contrasting color jacket or vest during daylight hours and gloves. Motorcyclists are reminded that flight suits or battle dress uniforms do not meet the intent of the directive and that they should wear all protective gear as outlined in AFI 91-207.

In addition to helmets with full face shields, or helmet and impact resistant goggles (not required if the motorcycle's windshield is above the top of the helmet when

the rider is fully upright), motorcyclists are required to wear a brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer upper garment during the day and reflective during the night. Outer upper garments should be clearly visible and not covered.

As a reminder, riders are required to wear long-sleeved shirts or jackets, full fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens and long trousers.

These requirements will be enforced by Security Forces personnel, and those not in compliance will not be allowed to operate their motorcycles on base and may be ticketed.

A contrasting vest of bright orange mesh material with reflective tape is sold at the base exchange for \$7.95. We would all agree; that's a small price to pay for avoiding a ticket, and more importantly, for saving a life.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Senior Airman Johnathan McKeever, 47th Medical Group, demonstrates the protective gear required to operate a motorcycle on base. Protective clothing requirements are a contrasting color jacket or vest during daylight hours, gloves, long-sleeved shirt, trousers and a helmet.

How to plan for medical care during the ORI

ATE PROPERTY:

RESPONSE

CCIDENT:

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Laughlin will be having an Operational Readiness Inspection from Aug. 21 until Sept. 1. During the first week of the ORI, probably Aug. 22, 23 or 24, there will almost certainly be a Major Accident Response Exercise which, when it occurs, will affect the Laughlin Clinic's ability to provide medical care.

The MARE directly tests our ability to handle real-world disasters and mass casualty situations. The entire clinic staff will need to participate in this exercise so that we may demonstrate our capabilities to respond to such a disaster. Our performance is critical to the Wing's success during the ORI.

Therefore, during the MARE, we need to cancel and reschedule all routine care appointments and will triage all urgent care patients. Triage means that after an appropriate evaluation by a nurse, you will see a provider here, be scheduled for an acute appointment within 24 hours, or be authorized to seek care at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center - based on medical need.

As is always the case, in case of a true medical emergency, you should go directly to VVRMC. This is exactly what would happen if the clinic had to respond to a real disaster. Therefore, like the rest of the Air Force, we practice during the MARE what we would do in real life. We, at the 47th Medical Group appreciate your consideration during this period.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse is everyone's job! If you know or suspect FWA, call the FWA hotline, 298-4170.

47th Transportation Division works to meet base's needs

By Capt. Tony Holmes

47th Transportation Chief

The 47th Transportation Division offers a variety of services to meet the transportation needs of assigned personnel and their families. These services include household goods movement and storage, management and maintenance of government assigned vehicles, vehicle operator records and licensing and freight shipment.

For those personnel who were not aware, Laughlin has an official use Taxi and You-Drive-It

(UDI) service operated by the division's Vehicle Dispatch section. Requests for service should be made with the vehicle dispatcher at 298-5763, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. daily. Taxi response should be no more than 10 minutes from the time of the request (on base only). UDI request forms are available on the Transportation Internet site at <http://www.laughlin.af.mil/47ftw/support/trans/> or at vehicle dispatch located in Building #136.

Requests may be faxed to 298-5797, hand carried to Vehicle dispatch, or sent through distribu-

tion to 47 SPTG/LGTO. Requests for transportation to the San Antonio area should be made at least 24 hours in advance. Temporary duty assignment personnel should submit a copy of their orders with the request (personnel on permissive TDY are not authorized government transportation).

If you have any questions or concerns with the division's contracted operations, contact the Transportation Quality Assurance Evaluators, Eloy Salazar (TMO) at 4696, Mel Hover (Vehicle Operations) at 5120, or Lonie Williams (Vehicle Maintenance) at 5033.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Under construction

Nicholas Panning, Lindsay Co., hooks up an air duct for the air conditioning system for the future Burger King establishment in the Laughlin base exchange. The Burger King is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 8.



From the Blotter

(From Aug. 1-6)

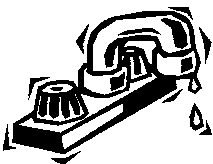


- An individual reported unknown person(s) took a key box from his work center. A security forces investigator is looking into the situation.
- Security forces responded to an argument at the enlisted dorms. Seven individuals were transported to the law enforcement desk and were released to their first sergeants.
- Security forces patrols responded to a domestic disturbance in military housing. A husband and wife dispute led to a physical altercation. The situation was turned over to his first sergeant.
- Security forces personnel on routine patrol discovered several base facilities unsecured. After a check of the inside the respective building custodians locked the facilities.
- An individual hit a pole while entering the perimeter via the north deer gate. Vehicle damage consisted of a dent one foot verti-

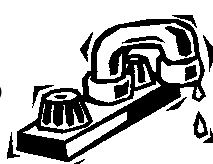
cally by ten inches horizontally.

- Three military members requested assistance gaining entry into their vehicles due to keys being locked inside. Security forces patrolmen gained access to all vehicles without damage.

Tip of the week: The West gate hours will be from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It will be closed during the weekend. The main gate will remain open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Please use the west gate as a primary entry and exit. We continue to have problems with people arriving at the gate without registration and others without proper credentials. This causes back ups. We need less volume at the main gate to avoid backing up into a single lane on Highway 90. The construction on Highway 90 is making entry confusing and has increased the possibility of an accident. Be careful! Please use the West gate for entry and exit from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Drops become gallons



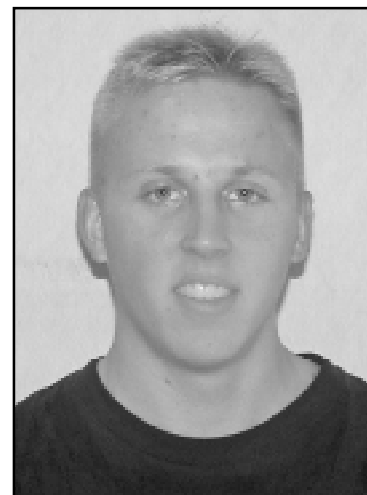
Question of the week

What do you like most about Laughlin and the surrounding community?



“The people, Laughlin and how everyone gets along with everyone – a sense of community.”

Maj. Dan Nickerson
86th Flying Training Squadron



“The majority of the community has good relations with the military and the people who work on the base.”

2nd Lt. Jason Keske
47th Security Forces Squadron



“The small town community feel where everyone knows everyone.”

Senior Airman Daniel Curtis
47th Communications Squadron



“The flight simulators. It is a nice atmosphere.”

Martin Gonzalez
Family member

Harper family boasts three children on staff sergeant list

By Susan Griggs

81st Training Wing Public Affairs

Good things come in threes for the Harper family.

When the staff sergeant promotions were announced July 19, three of Fred and Juanita Harper's four children were on the list – their oldest son, Cedric Harper, and their two daughters, Tracey Scott and Tekiela Harper.

Cedric, 26, who works in the supply squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., was recently accepted into the Bootstrap program to finish his bachelor's degree and enter the officer ranks.

Tracey, 25, is stationed at Keesler AFB, Miss., as a resource advisor in the 334th Training Squadron.

Tekiela, only 11 months younger than her sister, works in the services squadron at Bitburg Annex, about 10 miles from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

Tracey pulled up the list from the Internet as soon as it became available and called her mom, who works at the skills development center at Keesler, with the good news.

Then Juanita called Cedric, who didn't know he was on the list. When he asked his mom how she found out about his promotion, she just answered, "Moms have their ways!"

Tracey called Tekiela, who was happy, but very calm – but Tekiela called her sister back later after the good news set in to talk about their good fortune.

"I was relieved – I guess now I have to start studying for tech (sergeant)," said Tracey, who's spent two of her five years in the Air Force at Keesler. "Initially, I wasn't planning to make the Air Force a career, but now that I have a child, I'm seriously thinking about it."

"Tekiela loves being overseas and wants to stay there," said Juanita.

"She's a copy cat, so she'll probably make the Air Force a

career if I do," Tracey added.

Military careers are a natural for the Harper children - their dad is a retired master sergeant who spent 20 years in the Air Force security forces field. He now works as a deputy marshal at the U.S. Federal Court in Biloxi, Miss.

"When Fred found out that all three were on the promotion list, he said, 'I knew it was time to get out - they're going to catch up with me!'" Juanita said.

"Whenever we made a move, the kids always adjusted better than I did," she pointed out. "They always did well wherever we were assigned."

"They were good kids," she remembered. "They had a way of taking care of each other. Sometimes they took sides - kids against parents – but now that they're adults, they compete against each other."

Tracey explained that her parents encouraged their children to pursue military careers, but never forced the issue.

"I wanted to come in as an SP like my dad, but he said no," Tracey recalled. "Then I said I wanted to be a Marine, and he said no again. I'm glad I ended up where I did."

"Mom wanted us to have the security that the military offers, so she was happy about our career choices," she added.

The youngest Harper child, 22-year-old Tony, is already a staff sergeant – but he's serving in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. How did that happen?

"I had a sister in the Army," Juanita said. "I think Tony liked the Army uniforms better, too."

Although her children's promotion made her proud, Juanita had another overwhelming emotion – relief.

"I'm so glad they all made it," she admitted. "I would have had a hard time if I had to be happy for one and sad for two or vice versa."

(Courtesy AFPN)

The XLer

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Family: Wife, Amy.

Time at Laughlin: 1 year, 27 days.

Time in service: 14 1/2 years.

Why did you join the Air Force family? I wanted a challenge along with an opportunity to see the world.

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Make it a remote assignment.

Greatest accomplishment: Scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef, Australia.

Bad habit: Not being able to say "no" to people.

Motto: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Favorite beverage: An ice cold longneck.

If you could spend one hour with an historical figure, who would it be and why? Vince Lombardi. He was a great leader who found ways to inspire and motivate his players.

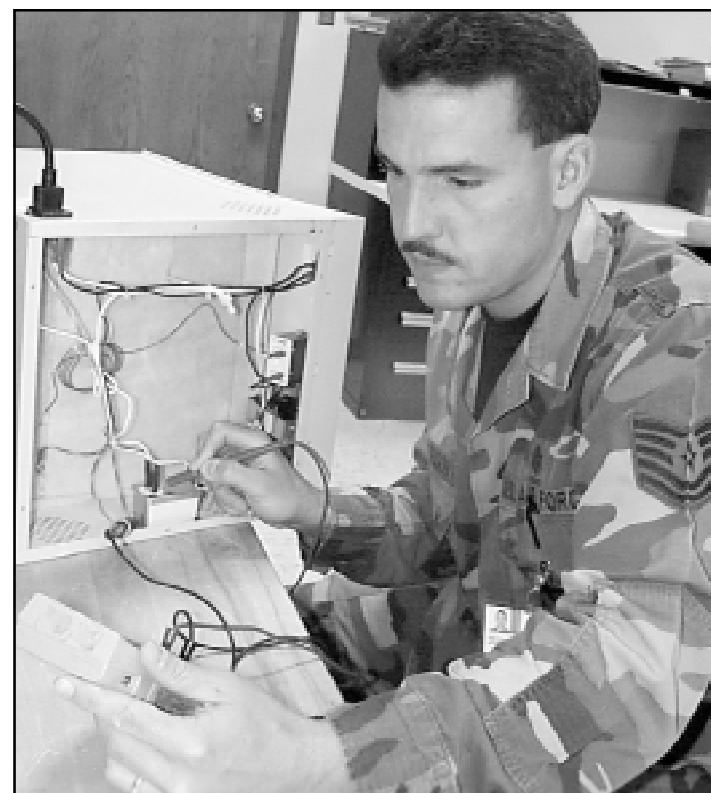


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Tech. Sgt. David Morrison
47th Medical Group

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How Texas residency relates to military members

By Capt. Lucy H. Carrillo

47th Flying Training Wing legal office

Many military members, upon finding out that Texas has no state income tax, are anxious to become Texas residents. For a civilian, the concepts of residence and domicile are fairly simple - they are usually the same thing and identify the state where the civilian lives and works. For military members, however, the terms are not as easily applied. A military member can live in one state and claim another state as his or her legal domicile. You should be able to identify your true state of legal residence and know how to change it, because it affects not just your taxes, but also voting eligibility, access to courts and other important aspects of your life.

"Home of Record"

"Home of Record" is a uniquely military term that is officially recorded as your home when you entered military service. It affects military benefits like travel pay and shipment of household goods, especially upon separation or retirement. It is also important because until you take steps to change your legal residence, your home of record is your legal residence or domicile.

"Residence"

"Residence" is where you are physically living. If you are assigned to Laughlin, and you live in Del Rio, Texas, you reside in Texas. This, by itself, however, does not make you a legal resident of Texas.

"Legal Residence" or "Domicile"

Your "legal residence" or "domicile" is

essentially a state of mind. It is the place you intend to have as your true, fixed and permanent abode. It is the place you intend to return to following completion of your military service. Your choice of domicile affects whether or not you pay a state's income and property taxes, your voting eligibility and state benefits, such as resident tuition for college. It also affects which state courts might have jurisdiction over certain matters such as divorce, adoption and probate or liability for inheritance taxes.

Generally, there is a strong presumption that a military member retains the domicile that he or she had upon entering the service. Merely entering the military does not cause a change of domicile. Military members, because of protections afforded by the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act, do not lose their domicile merely because they leave their state of residence because of military orders. While the SSCRA protects military members, it does not apply to members of your family.

On the other hand, the military member is free to change domicile in the same way as a civilian. To change your legal residence, you must be physically present in the state you wish to adopt and you must intend to remain in the state for the indefinite future and intend to return there upon completion of your military service. Your intent is proven by certain acts you do that tie you to the state.

You can only have one domicile at any given time, and to rebut the general presumption that the state from which you en-

tered military service remains your domicile; these acts will help determine if you intend to make Texas your legal residence:

- Register to vote
- Register your car here
- Obtain a Texas driver's license
- Buy real estate in Texas
- Change your LES to show Texas as your state of residence
- Execute a will showing Texas as your state of residence, and deposit the will with the county clerk
- Enroll your children in school here

Changing your Legal Residence

Your motive to change your domicile is irrelevant, however, if you change your residence from a state imposing income taxes, the abandoned state may ask you to prove (at tax time) that you have, in fact, changed your domicile. Because there are no formal requirements for establishing domicile in Texas, you must be able to prove your intent to be a domiciliary of Texas.

The acts mentioned above are recommended to establish a Texas domicile. Even though there is no magic number of how many acts you should accomplish, the more ties you have to Texas, the more evidence you have of your intent. Every case is unique, however, and if you have any questions, come to the legal office and talk to an attorney during personal legal assistance hours on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.



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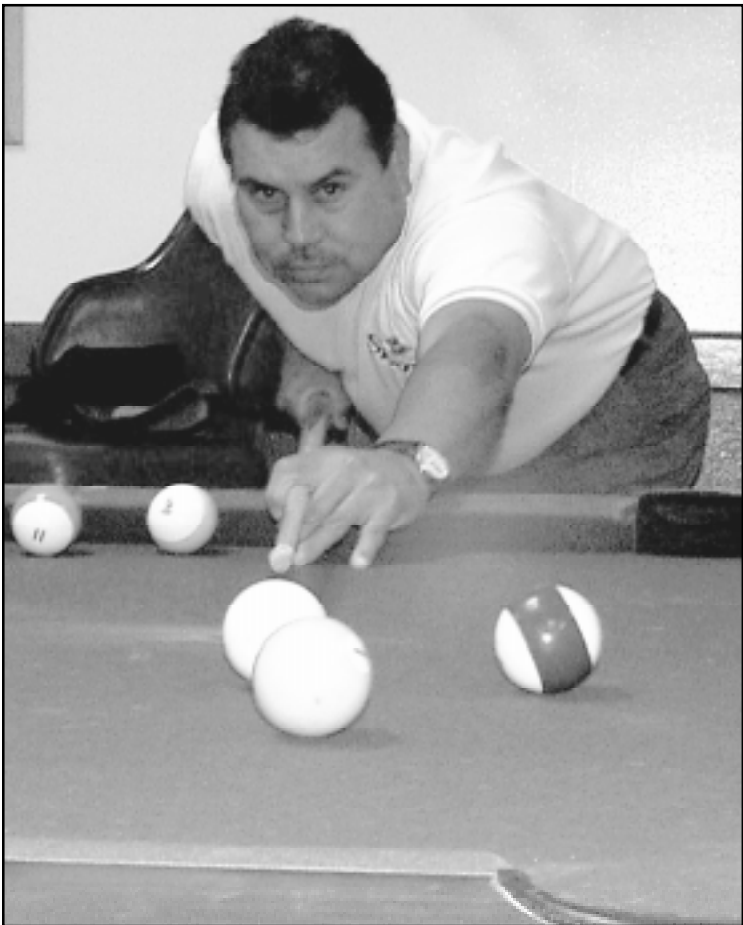


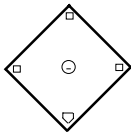
Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Corner pocket!

Eloy Salazar, 47th Transportation Division, lines up a shot during the 8-Ball Billiards Tournament at the Fiesta Center Thursday. Salazar won the tournament after winning the best out of two of three game sets for four rounds.

Laughlin Sports

Around the diamond
Coverage of Laughlin's
intramural softball league



(Standings current as of Tuesday)

Softball

Team	Wins	Losses
LCSAM	10	1
CES	9	1
MDG 2	9	1
OSS 1	7	3
*87 FTS	7	4
LSI	6	4
CS/SVS/CONS	6	5
*SFS	3	8
*EAST, Inc.	3	8
MDG #1	2	9

* Indicates a forfeit

Softball scores

LCSAM, 21, CS/SVS/CONS, 1
MDG 2, 14, OSS #1, 8
87 FTS, 12, SFS, 8

Golf standings

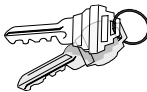
Team	Pts.
Fire Dept.	135
OSS	126.5
LCSAM	121
LSI 1	112



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Friday 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday,
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Think safety:
Keep all valuables secure!



IG crossword puzzle

(Answers from past week)



Across

3. A ____ is a significant deficiency that requires a specific answer to HQ AETC on corrective actions.
5. Operational Readiness Inspection (abbr).
7. Unit Control Center (abbr).
8. Entry Control Point (abbr).
10. JCS approved program standardizing Services' recommendations of and response to terrorist threats to US personnel and facilities.
11. THREATCON ____ applies when there is a general threat of terrorist activity.
12. THREATCON ____ applies when a terrorist attack has occurred.
13. THREATCON ____ applies when intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist attack is imminent.
14. Major Accident Response Exercise (abbr).

Down

1. Unexploded ordinance (Abbr).
2. A ____ item is a highly effective concept, technique or practice better than those found in other units.
3. The IG work center will be in this building.
4. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Ability To Survive and Operate (abbr).
6. Every military and mission critical civilian assigned to Laughlin is on a ____ roster for their squadron.
9. A Best ____ is a superior method or innovative concept that contributes to improved performance of a process.

Looking to the ORI

(By Lt. Col. Barbara Stewart, 47th FTW inspector general)

10-day checklist

- Do you have your INFOCON and THREATCON visual aids available for all?
- Commanders: You may want to do a check of your military members' uniforms to make sure everyone has the right patches and accouterments. They still have time to get them in order if you check these now.

Exploding tires!

The Base Exchange will inspect Firestone ATX or ATX-2 tires purchased from AAFES. Customers who are uncomfortable using the tires can trade them for comparable tires at the Shoppette. For more information call Helene Hamel at 5721.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Subdued!

Airman 1st Class Steven Passons, 47th Security Forces Squadron, searches Airman Basic Daniel Olivares, 47 SFS, during a preparatory Operational Readiness Inspection exercise at the main gate Monday. Olivares simulated a protester who refused to identify himself and Bishop demonstrated the protocol for detaining trespassers.

Laughlin history

While assigned to the Third Air Force, the 47th Bombardment Wing (Light), the predecessor of the 47th Flying Training Wing, was stationed at RAF Sculthorpe, England from June 1952 to June 1962 and flew the B-45. The Wing's mission during that decade was:

- (a) Trained in light bombardment operations, including combat crew training.
- (b) Provided nuclear deterrence during the Cold War.
- (c) Operated the USAF Air Crew School (Light Bombardment and Tactical Recon).

The correct answer is ... B. The 47th was the only bomb wing permanently stationed in Europe with nuclear capability. It flew the B-45 Tornado, America's first jet bomber, capable of carrying two 10,000 pound nuclear weapons. The 47th's presence at Sculthorpe provided USAFE with the means to conduct tactical nuclear operations and caused the Soviet Union to think twice before following through on threats.

Yard of the month winners:

Officer

Capt. Robert and Frances Kubesh

Enlisted

Tech Sgt. Keven and Marlo Carr

Mobile home park

Jim and Joy Teet

Fishing tournament

The Noncommissioned Officer's Association will be sponsoring a Team Bass Fishing Tournament Sept. 2 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Southwinds Marina, Lake Amistad. To sign up, or for more information, contact Staff

Sgt. Dennis Bensel at 298-6806 or Staff Sgt. Kasey Gibbs at 298-6322 no later than Aug 28.

Recycling center hours

The Recycling Center will be open Aug. 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to receive materials and to make extra pick-ups for buildings. For extra pick-up service Aug. 19, call 298-4230. For more information, call Patricia Lunn at 5247.

Chain E-mails

It seems as though this subject can not go away! Why? Because many people think their e-mail doesn't fall into the category of chain e-mail. A chain e-mail is a file that everyone thinks everyone else has to see, so everyone on the address list forwards the message to someone else who hasn't seen it yet. Most of the time it starts out innocently, but ends up bogging down our LANs and E-Mail Systems. Everyone at Laughlin is encouraged to refrain from this type of situation. Remember, use of e-mail is restricted to "official communications." Sending personal information over the e-mail system violates AFI 33-119. For more information, call Frederick Ervin at 4271.

47th Medical Group closure

The 47th Medical Group will be closed for training Thursday. The Family Practice Clinic will operate morning sick call. Afternoon sick call will be closed. Aerospace Medicine will operate normal morning and afternoon sick-call hours. As always, if you have an emergency please contact Ambulance Services directly at 6333. For more information concerning this training day, call Tech Sgt. Kevin Weinand at 6410.